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SUBJECT: GABON ACCESS ROADS

1. DR. EHM, DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL AFRICAN SECTION IN MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION, ADDRESSED THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO EMBOFF, INDICATING FRG ACCEPTANCE OF US PROPOSAL FOR FINANCING OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE ACCESS ROAD PROJECT.
 2. BEGIN QUOTE: AFTER RECEIVING THE LAST REPORT OF THE KREDITANSTALT FUER WIEDERAUFBAU, I AM GLAD TO BE ABLE TO INFORM YOU THAT, IN PRINCIPLE, THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS AGAINST US-AID FINANCING THE PROPOSED ITEMS (STEEL CULVERTING, METAL BRIDGE SPANS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR THE FOUR ROAD SEGMENTS TO BE BUILT UNDER THE PROPOSED GERMAN CAPITAL AID PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ACCESS ROADS (BOOUE-KOUMAMEYONG AND M'BADI-DILO). AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE KREDITANSTALT FUER WIEDERAUFBAU SEEMS TO HAVE ALREADY POINTED OUT AT THE DONORS' CONFERENCE IN LIBREVILLE, THE PLACING OF FINAL ORDERS FOR THE MATERIALS TO BE
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FINANCED BY US-AID WILL, HOWEVER, DEPEND ON THE RESULTS

OF THE PROJECT EVALUATION BY KFW AND ON THE FINAL TECHNICAL CONCEPT OF THE PROJECT. THEY WILL BE PRECEDED BY TENDERS. IN CASE THE TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC PROJECT EVALUATION SHOULD NOT JUSTIFY THE USE OF US-AID FUNDS FOR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED MATERIALS AS PROPOSED, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE KFW HAS EXPLAINED THAT THESE FUNDS COULD ALSO BE USED FOR STEEL WHICH WILL BE NEEDED ANYWAY FOR THE PROJECTS "CONNECTION STATION LOPE.(4,5 KM OF ROAD) AND "CONNECTION STATION ALEMBE" (250 M OF BRIDGE), WHICH ARE TO BE FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GABON. END QUOTE.

3. KFW EVALUATION RAISED IN THE LETTER IS A STANDARD REQUIREMENT OF ALL FRG CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS. IT IS LARGELY A FORMALITY IN THAT APPROVAL IS A CERTAINTY FOR PROJECTS THAT HAVE COME AS FAR ALONG AS THIS ONE. THE EVALUATION WILL TAKE SOME TIME, HOWEVER, WITH FINAL APPROVAL UNLIKELY BEFORE THE FIRST OF NEXT YEAR.
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